

Heartstring Quilters

December 2019

Annual Holiday Potluck Thursday, December 12, 2019, 6:30 p.m.

at the home of Cindy Friedman
310 Winding Way, Merion, PA.

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As is our tradition, the evening's entertainment will be a gift exchange. To participate, bring 2-4 fat quarters of fabulous fabric and 2 embellishments (ribbon, beads, accessories, thread) and wrap them/bag them together. Everyone draws a number and then the fun begins.

In addition to letting us know if you will be there, we need to know what you'll be bringing. Please e-mail Cindy at the address above to RSVP.

Coming Up

January 9

Tips & Tricks, Book Reports, Mini-Flea Market!

Our January meeting will give everyone a chance to share their newest sewing/quilting tips and tricks, the latest books in your library, and the opportunity to clear out those items from your workspace that are just taking up space. We will set up tables where you can donate, swap or sell items, as you choose.

We will update the Tips & Tricks document where we have gathered lots of useful information over the years and get the revised PDF to everyone after the meeting.



February 13
Dottie Richey

Former owner of *Stitchers Dream* in Glenside, an expert on the mechanics of sewing machines and so much more! Bring your questions and your favorite tools for taking notes.



Liz Danish is working on a series of quilts depicting idiosyncratic hand-turned vessels. At our November meeting, she showed one that captures the principals and background members of a family.

Heartstring Quilters Meeting Minutes November 14, 2019

The meeting began at 7:10 p.m., following a 6 p.m. board meeting whose topic centered on how to bolster our dwindling resources and attract more and new members. This will be pursued in subsequent board gatherings.

The artistry and spunky perspective of Gerri Spilka called forth many questions and observations during this month's meeting. She credits her love of puzzles and her training in traditional quilt piecing with the colorful, large and nearly cubist style she has evolved. Her mentors include Nancy Crow and a retinue of others. She is very competitive and expects her work to support her.

Show & Tell

Karoline mentioned some of the issues that were the focus of our Board meeting. Membership numbers in the 30s in a guild accustomed to 50 supporting members is troublesome. Some brainstorming around the issue included the notion of "Bring a Friend" for free night and notifying other guilds of our roster of presenters, and putting this concern before our members to enlist their ideas.

Anita was away in Zurich our last meeting, but is borrowing from Martha Ressler's quilt block ideas.



Libby, *left*, brought a quilt topper for her bed inspired by her trip and textiles encountered in Morocco.



Bonnie has been working with the family of Joann since her passing. Bonnie found a lovely quilt gift she suspects was made by Jim Vander Noot. Bonnie expects to help the family with the remaining fabric, where members will be able to come take materials and give a commemorative donation in her name. She brought some of Joann's wooden hangers for Deb.

Mary Kay's son and family will soon be relocating from Hawaii, where she'd heard them discuss bentos many times. It's a Japanese lunchbox tradition. There's a market in Ardmore that sells these segmented and stacked boxes, and she took that inspiration to create a dramatically inspired Japanese linen prints quilt for them (*next page*).

Rose has brought another painted quilt piece. She's missing piecing, but enjoyed her creation anyway.

Sandy, while visiting family in MI, spent time visiting a cousin who vended at a craft show. She goes to home dec stores and buys samples that she uses to make affordable, upcycled purses.

Teri asked members to close their eyes and picture the latest quilt she made her grandson! What a trickster! A camera shot would have worked....

Vernyce highly recommends the comprehensive PMA Art off the Wall Exhibition of Wearable Art at the Perleman wing. Eye candy, creative impetus!

P.S., a great video chat: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z9i_vTJdtdQ (info. and link on page 3).

Respectfully submitted,
Vernyce Dannells, secretary



VIDEO



Nell Painter: Old In Art School

Following her retirement from Princeton University, celebrated historian Dr. Nell Irvin Painter surprised everyone in her life by returning to school in her sixties to earn a BFA and MFA in painting. In *Old in Art School*, she travels from her beloved Newark to the prestigious Rhode Island School of Design and struggles with the unstable balance between the pursuit of art and the inevitable, sometimes painful demands of a life fully lived.

How are women and artists seen and judged by their age, looks, and race? What does it mean when someone says, “You will never be an artist”? Who defines what “An Artist” is and all that goes with such an identity, and how are these ideas tied to our shared conceptions of beauty, value, and difference? *Old in Art School* is Nell Painter’s ongoing exploration of those crucial questions, drawing on insights from two careers.

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The newsletter of Heartstring Quilters is published monthly.

Monthly meetings are held the second Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. Meetings are held at the Lankenau Hospital Annenberg Conference Center, in the McLean Conference Room, at Lancaster Avenue and City Line avenues, in Wynnewood, Pennsylvania.

Membership dues are \$40/year. Guest fee is \$3, or \$5 when there is a speaker.

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